

Don't just take our word for it ...

Quotes, comments, and feedback from some of our most recent Mastery Programme Graduates

Our most recent cohort graduated in October 2021. They completed the course remotely over a 10-week period. We asked a few of them four quick questions about their experiences; here is what they said about the programme....



Meet Jess ...

Who are you & what do you do?

My name is Jess, I am a project manager.

Tell me a little about the programme & what you have got out of it?

My biggest gain has been my confidence and an appreciation for what I can bring to my role at my company. This course has given me fantastic tools and a better understanding of how to be a leader and manage projects simultaneously and holistically without feeling overwhelmed.

What is "the journey" like?

I feel like I am at a start of a new journey where I am even more driven to drive change and focus on my career aspiration of proceeding to a leadership role. This course has helped me realise my areas for improvements and my strengths. Therefore, I am committed to moving forward with my personal goals, being an advocate for good project management and making a difference at my company.

Would you recommend the Mastery Programme to others?

I have already recommended this course to co-workers and friends. This course is fantastic, and I love that the course forces you to challenge yourself and 'dig deep'. More importantly, Marion and Sarah have given me tools that I intend to use throughout the rest of my career. We had a variety of project management professionals from different industries on the course which was great for sharing ideas and advice. I have never been on a course like this, and I also found it the most valuable!



Meet Andy ...

Who are you & what do you do?

Hi, I am Andy, and I am a Programme Manager. I manage change and transformation programmes for my organisation, both internally and within the client base.

Tell me a little about the programme & what you have got out of it?

*I have not encountered a training course like this before! The course provides a great set of resources and allows for learning across such a breadth of individuals with different backgrounds and skillsets, this, in itself, further enhances the principles and impacts of the programme for the individual. The work and focus on the **Target** element of the **5T's Framework** really helped me to grasp the importance of engaging and aligning a project or programme objective with stakeholders to create synergies, understand how to think big, small, focused and use peripheral vision to ensure everyone understands the 'Big Why' and associated benefits.*

What is "the journey" like?

It's been fun, enlightening, thought provoking and certainly a massive enabler for reflection and review of the current status quo. This course creates space and time to allow you to review and reflect on how you are feeling, performing and how successfully you are coping in your personal and professional life. Be prepared to have lightbulb moments that will provide clarity and improve your train of thought and attitude towards how things are for you personally at the time of doing this course. I will also say that this course does not need to be timed with any certain events in your life - it will provide benefits irrelevant of how busy, stressed or stretched you are, and in fact I would encourage anyone to do this and especially if they are currently feeling a bit negative in their career.

Would you recommend the Mastery Programme to others?

Absolutely - and I would recommend it to all professionals up and down the Project, Programme and Portfolio Management stack as all tools, techniques and learnings can be applied across all levels of the project profession & management landscape. I don't think it should be limited to a specific person doing a specific role in Project Management, because I honestly believe this programme encompasses so much with applicability across all areas of the Project, Programme and Portfolio Management terrain, that everyone would benefit.



Meet Nick ...

Who are you & what do you do?

My name is Nick Harwood, and I am an engineer by trade, with over 30 years technical expertise and experience in project management, gained across a wide variety of different sectors and industry types.

Tell me a little about the programme & what you have got out of it?

*The ExtraordinaryPM Mastery programme is all about applied learning. The course has really heightened my awareness levels, and gives real and practical advice, guidance and tools that help you day to day in the workplace. PM methodologies only teach you so much. The Mastery programme delivers real agility to use these techniques to their best effect and respond to the real-life situations in hand. I have really appreciated learning about the **Thrive** aspect of the **5T's Framework**; how important it is to care for people, how to get the very best out of them, and how to nurture them.*

What is "the journey" like?

This is my second time on the journey – I did the Beta Course when Mastery was in its inaugural year, and this journey has only further enhanced my learnings and experiences. The fact that I was willing to commit to the 5-month programme for a second time is testament in itself! One of the most valuable aspects is in hearing the examples, experiences and approaches of the other participants on the course. Sharing these stories and hearing of different case studies across different businesses, organisations and industries has been extremely insightful and beneficial as well as a great learning opportunity for me. Marion and Sarah are extremely natural and engaging in the way they present the material, always based on a wealth of their own real life project experiences that are entwined with the theoretical learnings!

Would you recommend the Mastery Programme to others?

Yes, absolutely – and I am already telling colleagues far and wide about the benefits of it! The individual benefits are huge, but if you could run a corporate programme, in house across the entire team, the benefits to the organisation as a whole would be immense, I would even suggest that you could do the Mastery course before you do any of the formal methodologies and qualifications of project management. This programme gives such a solid and broad overview of what project management is actually all about, it really should be essential foundational learning for all!



Meet Patsy ...

Who are you & what do you do?

Hi - My name is Patsy, and I am an experienced senior operations manager with a strong background in high performance, continuous improvement, and people management roles.

Tell me a little about the programme & what you have got out of it?

*I tend to work quite intuitively as a style; but this course has made me far more aware, intentional, and deliberate in what I am doing, when I am doing and how I am doing it. I am now far better able to articulate my thoughts, goals, directions, and challenges and in asking for help too when it is needed. The other biggest thing was taking time out to really think about and understand what it is I am being paid to do. Where I should focus my efforts. Making sure I am heading in the right direction and how best I can achieve that while also facilitating my team to achieve it too. The very simple act of always referring back to the **BIG WHY**.*

What is "the journey" like?

It has been a journey of both personal growth and professional development for me. I have gained confidence, learned so many tools and am now actively sharing them. The framework and techniques are so easy to understand, use and apply. It would be wrong not to share it with others!

Would you recommend the Mastery Programme to others?

Yes, I think everyone should do this course! Certainly, everyone in my team would get a lot out of it - each benefiting in different ways and for different reasons. The Mastery programme also helps to build confidence and the encouragement, support & mentoring I received during the course was so valuable. It really is an excellent inclusive, safe, team learning environments for all!



Meet Claire ...

Who are you & what do you do?

My name is Claire, and I am not your traditional project manager, but as a Brand and Marketing Specialist running my own business, I am constantly working on and delivering all kinds of projects!

Tell me a little about the programme & what you have got out of it?

*There have been so many "lightbulb" moments, it's hard to pick just one! I think that at the crux of it all is the importance of understanding the **BIG WHY**. When you know exactly where you are going and why you are going there, you are far better able to truly focus, prioritise, engage, and ultimately deliver.*

What is "the journey" like?

Doing Mastery is such an incredibly powerful experience! You are nurtured along, mentored, nourished, supported, and hugely empowered through knowledge, learning and insight. It is challenging yet gentle all at the same time. You are in a safe space that allows you to grow without you even realising all these new approaches, tools, and perspectives you are picking up, until you find yourself putting them into real life practice and seeing the genuine results of a new and improved you!

Would you recommend the Mastery Programme to others?

Yes, yes, yes and without a doubt a hundred more yes's too!!!

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